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Re: Docket No. 2006-107-WS – Application of United Utility Companies, Inc. for Adjustment of Rates and Charges and Modification to Certain Terms and Conditions for the Provision of Water and Sewer Service

Dear Parties of Record:

Enclosed please find additional evidence for Hearing Exhibit Number 4 in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Bayd Joseph G. Boyd

cc: DMS

Alvin Simpson 411 Killion Drive Gaffney, SC 29340 (864) 902-0687

July 31, 2006

The Public Service Commission State of South Carolina C/O Jocelyn Boyd 101 Executive Center Dr. P.O Drawer 11649 Columbia, S.C. 29211

Re: Docket No. 2006-107-WS

Dear Ms. Boyd:

This letter is in response to instructions given to me in the public hearing in Gaffney, SC on July 24, 2006 for proposed rate increases for the United Utility Company. I was told to send in any pages to corroborate my testimony on the comparison of my sewer bill to neighboring wastewater facilities. Included with this letter are the sewer use prices for the Gaffney Board of Public Works and Spartanburg Water System I quoted in my testimony. On each of the sheets I have circled the prices that are used in the calculations below (Please note that I rounded up the Spartanburg Water System price to make the calculation match the units for the other comparisons). I am also including a copy of my highest water bill for the past year that I used as my example and my United Utility Company sewer bill for that same month.

Below are the examples of the cost for sewer use I used in my testimony using my water bill information and the prices from the systems listed above along with the information on the United Utility Company bill. I hope this information is useful and if any more is needed please contact me and I will do all I can to help settle this matter as quickly as possible.

Conversion: water use to 100 gallons/ft<sup>3</sup> Gallons used / 100 / 7.48 = Amount to be billed 2,920 gallons /  $100 / 7.34 = 3.90/ft^3$ 

#### Example #1:

Water use 2,920 Gallons or 3.90/ft<sup>3</sup> GBPW price for out of town \$2.29 per100/ft<sup>3</sup>

#### Calculation #1:

3.90 X \$2.29 = \$8.93 or \$0.30 /day



## Example #2:

Water use 2,920 Gallons or 3.90/ft<sup>3</sup> SWS price for out of town \$0.47 per100/ft<sup>3</sup>

#### Calculation #2:

 $3.90 \times \$0.47 = \$1.83 \text{ or } \$0.06 / \text{day}$ 

## Example #3:

Water use 2,920 Gallons United Utility Company set price for month \$48.24

## Calculation #3:

Set monthly price \$48.24 or \$1.61/ day (bill has \$1.66/day)

Respectfully,

Alvin F. Simpson Jr.

Effective November 1, 2000

## **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS** RATE SCHEDULES

## Residential Electric Service (General)

Rate Codes A, B, C, & G-

Customer Facilities Charge

**Energy Charge** 

First 850 KWH per month

All Over 850 KWH per month

\$12.00 per bill per month

7.453 cents per kwh

7.490 63.47

7.100 cents per kwh

## Residential All Electric Service

Rate Codes D & F

Customer Facilities Charge

**Energy Charge** 

First 850 KWH per month

All Over 850 KWH per month

\$12.00 per bill per month

7.453 cents per kwh 7. 490 63.47

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5.924 cents per kwh

## Residential Water Service

Rate Codes O & P

Minimum Charges

Meter Size	Inside City (O)	Outside City (
$5/8 \times 3/4$ Inch	\$ 7.5 <b>Q</b> 4	\$ 12.00%
1 Inch	\$ 11.00	\$ 22.00
1 1/2 Inch	\$ 16.50	\$ 39.00
2 Inch	\$ 30.00	\$ 66.00
Volume Charges		* *****
0 - 2.500 CF	\$ .86	<b>\$</b> 1.55
2,500 – 25,000 CF	.80	1.41
25,000 - 500,000 CF	.69	1.29

#### Residential Sewer Service

Rate Codes I & J

Minimum Charges

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Meter Size	Inside City (I, X)	Outside City (J, Y)
$5/8 \times 3/4$ Inch	\$ 7.00	\$ 11.00
1 Inch	12.00	22.50
1 1/2 Inch	20.50	42.50
2 Inch	34.50	68.50
Volume Charges		
Per CCF	\$ 1.68	\$ 220

## Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District

# **User Charge Rates**

Effective 8/1/05

Base Charge—\$1.50 Per Bill

Volume Charge—Per 100 Cubic Feet

Inside Sub Districts

\$2.56

Outside Sub Districts

\$3.49

Volume Charge—Per 100 Gallons

Inside Sub Districts

\$.3422

Outside Sub Districts

\$ 4665

## Unmetered Well Water Systems

Inside Sub Districts

\$23.04 Per Month

Outside Sub Districts

\$31.41 Per Month



200 COMMERCE STREET P.O. BOX 251 SPARTANBURG SC 29304

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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL TO: P.O. Box 1256, Gattrey, S.C. 29342-1986 SERVICE BILL FOR 411 KILLION DR GAFFNEY, SC . 6/15/06 5/15/06 15628 6/26/06 195670 192750 2,920 \$12.58 Thank you for prompt payment-. NOTE: Price Change: July 1 '06 Reconnect Fee \$75.00/ Second Offense \$100.00. 7/10/08 AMOUNT DUE After Due Date \$12.58 \$13.84

Customer Service Information Please Retain for Your Records Remittance Address: UNITED UTILITY COMPANIES INC For Service or Billing Inquiries Call: 803-796-9545 OR 800-367-4314 PO BOX 4539 To Pay By Credit or Debit Card, Call 1-877-527-7852. A Convenience Fee Will Be Charged. WEST COLUMBIA SC 29171-4539 Account Information Description of Charges 00715 015026 2 PRIOR BALANCE \$0.00 Service Addr. 411 KILLION DR WASTEWATER TREATMENT \$48.24 Bill Date 07/17/06 Due Date 08/11/06 Prior Read 06/01/06 **Current Read** 06/30/06 0 Usage 0 # of days this period 29 Average daily usage Average daily water cost \$0.00 Average daily sewer cost \$1.66 Last Payment 06/26/06 \$48.24 1 1/2% PER MONTH WILL BE ADDED TO ALL AMOUNTS NOT PAID BY THE DUE DATE. Please Pay \$48.24 DI PACE DECUTTE VOLD GERUTCE ADDRESS MISHE WARDER ON THE REMITTANCE FOR SO WE MAY CONTACT YOU IN THE EVENT OF A SERVICE RELATED EMERGENCY. \* IN THE EVENT OF A SEWER BLOCKAGE, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE BEFORE YOU CALL A PLUMBER. OUR EXPERIENCED OPERATIONS STAFF IS ON CALL AT 803-795-9545 OR 1-800-367-4314 7 DAYS A WEEK/24 HOURS A DAY TO RESPOND TO YOUR CONCERNS. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* TO HELP US MAINTAIN SECURITY SURROUNDING YOUR DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE AND THE POLICE IF YOU NOTICE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* PAYMENT OPTIONS AVOID PAYING FEES TO ONLINE BILL PAYMENT CENTERS WE CAN AUTOMATICALY DRAFT YOUR PAYMENT FROM YOUR SAVINGS OR CHECKING ACCOUNT FREE OF CHARGE. CALL OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT FOR DETAILS. TO PAY BY VISA, MASTERCARD OR DEBIT CARD, CALL 1-877-527-7852. IN ADDITION, YOU MAY PAY OVER THE INTERNET BY ACCESSING PAYBYINTERNET.COM. YOU MUST INDICATE THAT YOU ARE MAKING PAYMENT TO UTILITIES, INC. OVER THE INTERNET.

A CONVENIENCE FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR CREDIT CARD AND INTERNET PAYMENTS.

Rate Schedule Available Upon Request